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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Pontus Söderström)
Serial No. 10/018, 254) Group Art Unit: 3616
Filing Date: March 26, 2002) Examiner: Eric D. Culbreth
For: AIR-BAG ARRANGEMENT) Customer No.
26694
PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE
Atty. Docket No. 31577-176922)

May 24, 2004

Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR RETROACTIVE FOREIGN FILING LICENSE
UNDER 35 U.S.C. §184 AND 37 C.F.R. §5.25

Sir:

Applicant requests that a retroactive foreign filing license be granted in connection with the subject application under 35 U.S.C. §184 and 37 C.F.R. §5.25.

The subject application was filed as U.S. national stage of PCT/SE00/01290, which in turn claims priority on UK Application No. 9914267.1. All the foreign counterparts of the subject application are:

1. Application No. 9914267.1 filed in the United Kingdom on June 18, 1999;
2. Application No. PCT/SE00/01290 filed as PCT International Application on June 19, 2000;
3. Application No. 00944548.7 filed in the European Patent Office as the European national Stage of the PCT International Application;

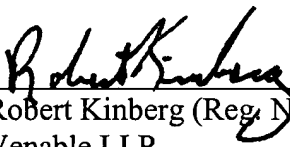
4. Application No. 2001-504759 filed in Japan as the Japanese national stage of the PCT International Application.

The subject application was initially filed in the United Kingdom through error and without deceptive intent. The subject application did not disclose an invention within the scope of 35 U.S.C. § 181 as being detrimental to the national security. A Verified Statement Under 37 C.F.R. 5.25(a)(3) by Mr. Bo Lindström accompanies this petition, which provides a detailed account as to the events leading to the error and the steps that Applicant has taken to correct the error.

A check in the amount of \$130.00 for the petition is enclosed. Should any other fee be required, please charge same to deposit account no. 22-0261 and notify Applicant's attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: May 24, 2004


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VERIFIED STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 65.25(a)(3)

Sir:

I, Bo Lindström, respectfully submit that

1. I was the Manager of the Patent Department at Autoliv Development AB of Sweden (Autoliv, Assignee of the subject application) for the relevant period during which the inventive acts leading to the filing of the subject application occurred and the application was caused to be first filed in the United Kingdom.

2. The subject matter of the invention was not under secrecy order at the time it was initially filed in the United Kingdom, neither is it currently under a secrecy order.

3. The initial filing abroad occurred through error and without deceptive intent: the inventive acts occurred in the United States; the invention was recorded in an Invention Record Approval Document (IRAD) of Autoliv and recommended for filing in the United States (see page 1 of the IRAD);

the IRAD was reported to the Patent Department of Autoliv in the United States;
the Patent Department of Autoliv in the United States had difficulties to prosecute
the subject matter, and after a time, the subject matter was transferred to the Autoliv
Patent Department in Sweden for prosecution;

after normal consideration, the subject matter was sent to the patent counsel in the
United Kingdom for preparing an application;

the application was inadvertently first filed in the United Kingdom and later as a
PCT application designating Europe, United States, and Japan, where the regional and
national phases were subsequently initiated.

4. Applicant's patent counsel discovered the error during the preparation of an
inventor's Declaration in February 2004 when reviewing the IRAD for the first time.

5. Applicant has been diligent in curing the error including timely preparing and
filing a petition for retroactive foreign filing license and notifying the USPTO of the
discrepancy in the Response to Office Action filed on February 26, 2004.

6. All statements made of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on
information and belief are believed to be true.

It is acknowledged that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine
or imprisonment, or both (18 U.S.C. § 1001), and may jeopardize the validity of the
application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date:

22 May 2004

Respectfully submitted,

Bo Lindström

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